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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re: Patent Application of Si-Yi Chen, *et al.* : Group Art Unit: 1636
Appln. No.: 09/321,247 : Examiner: Bronwen M. Loeb, PhD
Filed: May 27, 1999 :
Title: INACTIVATION OF HIV : **Attorney Docket No. 443-2U2**
CO-RECEPTORS AS : (53665-5007-00)
THERAPY FOR HIV INFECTION : (WFU-97-09)

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated July 17, 2001 (Paper No. 11), sent in connection with the above-referenced application.

This Amendment is being timely filed in view of the accompanying petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, and associated fee, which extends the time for a response to the Office Action to and through January 17, 2002.

In response to the Office Action, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 3, please delete lines 24 to 27, and insert the following paragraph in place thereof:

-- The expression vector of the present invention preferably encodes a chemokine gene product that binds to a C-C chemokine 5 receptor, a C-C chemokine 3 receptor, a C-C